

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-6 (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A recording medium comprising:

a first recording area on which an audio stream containing audio data is recorded; and

a second recording area on which control information is recorded, the second recording area located in a different position from the first recording area,

wherein the control information includes application information indicating whether or not the audio stream contains audio data intermingled with from different recording modes.

8. (Previously Added) The recording medium according to claim 7, wherein the recording modes include monaural audio, multi-channel audio and multiplexed audio.

9. (Previously Added) The recording medium according to claim 7, wherein the audio stream contains multiplexed audio data.

10. (Previously Added) The recording medium according to claim 9, wherein the multiplexed audio data consists of a plurality of audio channels and contains multiple language data in different audio channels.

11. (Previously Added) The recording medium according to claim 9, wherein the audio stream further contains multi-channel audio data, and

wherein the application information indicates that the audio stream contains the audio data with different recording modes.

12. (Previously Added) The recording medium according to claim 7, wherein the control information further includes number information indicating a number of audio channels in the audio stream.

13. (Previously Added) The recording medium according to claim 7, wherein the control information further includes number information specifying one of the recording modes.

14. (Previously Added) The recording medium according to claim 7, wherein the control information further includes rate information indicating a bit rate of the audio data.

15. (Currently Amended) A system for recording audio data on a recording medium comprising:

a recording device which records audio data on a first recording area of the recording medium as an audio stream; and

a generating device which generates control information including application information indicating whether or not the audio stream contains audio data intermingled with from different recording modes;

wherein the recording device records the control information on a second recording area, located in a different position from the first recording area, of the recording medium.

16. (Previously Added) The system according to claim 15, wherein the recording modes include monaural audio, multi-channel audio and multiplexed audio.

17. (Previously Added) The system according to claim 15, wherein the audio stream includes multiplexed audio data.

18. (Previously Added) The system according to claim 17, wherein the multiplexed audio data consists of a plurality of audio channels and contains multiple language data in different audio channels.

19. (Previously Added) The system according to claim 17, wherein the audio stream further includes multi-channel audio data, and

wherein the generating device generates application information indicating that the audio stream contains audio data with different recording modes.

20. (Previously Added) The system according to claim 15, wherein the generating device further generates number information indicating a number of audio channels in the audio stream.

21. (Previously Added) The system according to claim 15, wherein the generating device further generates number information specifying one of the recording modes.

22. (Previously Added) The system according to claim 15, wherein the generating device further generates rate information indicating a bit rate of the audio data.

23. (Currently Amended) A system for reproducing audio data from a recording medium comprising a first recording area on which an audio stream containing the audio data is recorded, and a second recording area on which control information is recorded, the second recording area located in a different position from the first recording area, wherein the control information includes application information indicating whether or not the audio stream contains audio data intermingled [with] from different recording modes,

the system comprising:

a reading device which reads the control information from the second recording area of the recording medium; and

a controller which controls the reproduction of the audio data recorded on the first recording area of the medium based on the control information.

24. (Previously Added) The system according to claim 23, wherein the recording modes include monaural audio, multi-channel audio and multiplexed audio.

25. (Previously Added) The system according to claim 23, wherein the audio stream contains multiplexed audio data.

26. (Previously Added) The system according to claim 25, wherein the multiplexed audio data consists of a plurality of audio channels and contains multiple language data in different audio channels,

the system further comprising operating device for selecting one of the multiple language data,

wherein the controller controls the reproduction of the audio data such that only the selected one of the multiple language data is reproduced.

27. (Previously Added) The system according to claim 25, wherein the audio stream further contains multi-channel audio data, and

wherein the application information indicates that the audio stream contains the audio data with different recording modes.

28. (Previously Added) The system according to claim 23, wherein the control information further includes number information indicating a number of audio channels in the audio stream.

29. (Previously Added) The system according to claim 23, wherein the control information further includes number information specifying one of the recording modes.

30. (Previously Added) The system according to claim 23, wherein the control information further includes rate information indicating a bit rate of the audio data.

31. (Currently Amended) A method of recording audio data on a recording medium comprising the steps of:

recording audio data on a first recording area of the recording medium as an audio stream;

generating control information including application information indicating whether or not the audio stream contains audio data intermingled [with] from different recording modes; and

recording the control information on a second recording area, located in a different position from the first recording area, of the recording medium.

32. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 31, wherein the recording modes include monaural audio, multi-channel audio and multiplexed audio.

33. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 31, wherein the audio stream contains multiplexed audio data.

34. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 33, wherein the multiplexed audio data consists of a plurality of audio channels and contains multiple language data in different audio channels.

35. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 33, wherein the audio stream further contains multi-channel audio data, and

wherein the application information indicates that the audio stream contains audio data with different recording modes.

36. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 31, wherein the control information further includes number information indicating a number of audio channels in the audio stream.

37. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 31, wherein the control information further includes number information specifying one of the recording modes.

38. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 31, wherein the control information further includes rate information indicating a bit rate of the audio data.

39. (Currently Amended) A method of reproducing audio data from a recording medium comprising a first recording area on which an audio stream containing the audio data is recorded, and a second recording area on which control information is recorded, the second recording area located in a different position from the first recording area, wherein the control information includes application information indicating whether or not the audio stream contains audio data intermingled [with] from different recording modes,

the method comprising the steps of:

reading the control information from the second recording area of the recording medium; and

controlling the reproduction of the audio data recorded on the first recording area of the medium based on the control information.

40. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 39, wherein the recording modes include monaural audio, multi-channel audio and multiplexed audio.

41. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 39, wherein the audio stream contains multiplexed audio data.

42. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 41, wherein the multiplexed audio data consists of a plurality of audio channels and contains multiple language data in different audio channels,

the method further comprising the step of selecting one of the multiple language data,

wherein the step of controlling the reproduction controls the reproduction of the audio data such that only the selected one of the multiple language data is reproduced.

43. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 41, wherein the audio stream further contains multi-channel audio data, and

wherein the application information indicates that the audio stream contains the audio data with different recording modes.

44. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 41, wherein the control information further includes number information indicating a number of audio channels in the audio stream.

45. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 39, wherein the control information further includes number information specifying one of the recording modes.

46. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 39, wherein the control information further includes rate information indicating a bit rate of the audio data.

47. (New) A recording medium comprising:

a first recording area on which an audio stream containing audio data is recorded; and

a second recording area on which control information is recorded, the second recording area located in a different position from the first recording area,

wherein the control information includes a mixed mode flag.

48. (New) The recording medium of claim 47, wherein the control information also includes channel number data.

49. (New) The recording medium of claim 48, wherein the channel number data indicates multiplexed audio data, multi-channel audio data, and monaural audio data.

50. (New) A system for recording audio data on a recording medium comprising:

a recording device which records audio data on a first recording area of the recording medium as an audio stream; and

a generating device which generates control information including a mixed mode flag;

wherein the recording device records the control information on a second recording area, located in a different position from the first recording area, of the recording medium.

51. (New) The system of claim 50, wherein the control information also includes channel number data.

52. (New) The system of claim 51, wherein the channel number data indicates multiplexed audio data, multi-channel audio data, and monaural audio data.

53. (New) A system for reproducing audio data from a recording medium comprising a first recording area on which an audio stream containing the audio data is recorded, and a second recording area on which control information is recorded, the second recording area located in a different position from the first recording area, wherein the control information includes a mixed mode flag, the system comprising:

a reading device which reads the control information from the second recording area of the recording medium; and

a controller which controls the reproduction of the audio data recorded on the first recording area of the medium based on the control information.

54. (New) The recording medium of claim 53, wherein the control information also includes channel number data.

55. (New) The recording medium of claim 54, wherein the channel number data indicates multiplexed audio data, multi-channel audio data, and monaural audio data.

56. (New) A method of recording audio data on a recording medium comprising the steps of:

recording audio data on a first recording area of the recording medium as an audio stream;

generating control information including a mixed mode flag; and

recording the control information on a second recording area, located in a different position from the first recording area, of the recording medium.

57. (New) The method of claim 56, wherein the control information also includes channel number data.

58. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein the channel number data indicates multiplexed audio data, multi-channel audio data, and monaural audio data.

59. (New) A method of reproducing audio data from a recording medium comprising a first recording area on which an audio stream containing the audio data is recorded, and a second recording area on which control information is recorded, the second recording area located in a different position from the first recording area, wherein the control information includes a mixed mode flag, the method comprising the steps of:

reading the control information from the second recording area of the recording medium; and

controlling the reproduction of the audio data recorded on the first recording area of the medium based on the control information.

60. (New) The method of claim 59, wherein the control information also includes channel number data.

61. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein the channel number data indicates multiplexed audio data, multi-channel audio data, and monaural audio data.